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End of transportation task force mandate approaching

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The current mandate of the county's transportation task force will be up as of the end of March.

Formed in 2017, the task force, which is not a committee of council, but a citizen-driven group, was created to address transportation needs in the county, and has worked on a series of projects, including a 2018 business model that was presented to county council. That model included a number of potential transportation system types.

Last year, the county hired a consulting firm to create an implementation plan for a booked, shared-ride service – a demand-based system where users call ahead to book rides – and county councillors will be discussing whether to implement such a system during their 2019 budget deliberations, which began last week.

"We recognize that implementing this model across the county will require compromise and communication," Tina Jackson, co-ordinator with Rural Transportation Options, told Algonquin Highlands councillors during a Feb. 7 meeting, adding that meeting the needs of the most people pos-

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Minden hit with winter wallop

The Haliburton Highlands, like much of southern Ontario, endured a snowstorm starting Tuesday, Feb. 12, which brought more than 25 centimetres of snow, as seen here on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden as it was just starting. Travel was challenging, municipal and social meetings were postponed and school buses and athletic events cancelled Tuesday and Wednesday. /DARREN LUM Staff

Councillors uncertain of provincial funding heading into budget

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Amidst the projected numbers, requests for new equipment, and talk of funding sustainability, there was a sense of concern at the first meeting for the Haliburton County 2019 budget on Friday, Feb. 8 at the county office

in Minden.

Issues included increased expenses from winter maintenance related to weather and climate change; a proposal to hire a physician recruiter to address the doctor shortage; LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), a technology that uses a laser-based system to produce detailed topographical images; and

impact of the provincial government's effort to lower the \$15 billion deficit inherited from the previous government.

Major cuts have already been made to other sectors by the provincial government in the past few months and there is an expectation of more to come for municipalities. Cost sav-

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100 Kids Who Care donate to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Lincoln worked around the house and helped out in exchange for some money to donate. Harper was gifted some cash from the tooth fairy for the loss of her first tooth, and brought it along. Zebedee shovelled snow from the deck to earn some funds to pass on. Hawksley separated 10 per cent from his allowance savings, Tristan gave his birthday money, and Jordyn contributed from her baby sitting pay.

More than three dozen young philanthropists came prepared with up to \$10 for the inaugural meeting of the 100 Kids Who Care Haliburton County giving circle group held in Minden on Feb. 5, pouring their donations into a jar of a collective fund they would gift to one chosen charity at the end of the night.

Prior to the meeting beginning, the kids gathered had the chance to look closely at a stuffed owl, see photos of rehabilitated animals as well as activities that take place in the area, flip through brochures detailing the benefits of horse therapy and speak with representatives from three charities that received the most votes during advance registration to present this time to the group: Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents and Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. Monika Melichar spoke for Woodlands

Wildlife Sanctuary, detailing the work the Minden-based wildlife rehabilitation centre does to care for orphaned and injured wildlife. Kendra Curry spotlighted the programs like day camps that Point in Time organizes to help children and families experiencing difficulties, and helped lead the gathered group in yoga exercises for mindfulness. Jennifer Semach and Gerry Sutcliffe shared the work being done at Walkabout Farm, encouraging group participants to feel the weight of one bucket of food for Casey, a rescue horse who is in rehabilitation to become a therapy horse on the Minden-based farm.

A vote was taken by paper ballot, with kids using markers to colour in their choice, and the first charity supported by the 100 Kids Who Care group was announced: Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. The kids presented Melichar with funds gathered that evening, which totalled \$400.

The local group concept was organized by Cheryl Hamilton and Joleen Thomas, but the event was and will continue to be largely kid and teenager-run. Space at the Minden community centre was sponsored by Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd.

A second meeting will take place later this year, likely in a Haliburton location, and interested school-aged youth from anywhere in the county are welcome to join in at any time. For more information, visit 100 Kids Who Care Haliburton County on Facebook.



More than three dozen children and teens came out to the inaugural meeting of 100 Kids Who Care, a local giving circle, on Feb. 5 at the Minden community centre. The group heard from representatives from Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, Point in Time and Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association Inc. Each group participant brought a donation up to \$10 to add to a collective fund for the evening, and at the end of the night, voted on which charity they wanted to support. The winning charity was Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, which received \$400 from the group of young philanthropists. 100 Kids Who Care hopes to meet twice annually./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Riley Aleksander presents Monika Melichar of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary with the funds collected by the 100 Kids Who Care group on Feb. 5. The group of local youth brought donations to the meeting, where they heard from three organizations and voted for the one to support with their collective fund, which totalled \$400.



Erika Hoare and Olivia Humphries managed the ballot table at the inaugural meeting of the 100 Kids Who Care event held on Feb. 5 at the Minden community centre.



Kelsey Curry of Point in Time explains the values and goals of the centre for children, youth and parents to the 100 Kids Who Care group.

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OMPF funding has been steadily declining

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ing measures for some municipalities could come in the form of amalgamation of operations and/or funding cuts.

During the meeting, when county councilors were presented with the budget for public works, it was suggested by more than one representative that equipment could be shared between the four lower-tier municipalities, charging usage fees instead of looking outside the county to rent industrial equipment.

There was a consensus this self-directed consolidation, which has been discussed before, is better than waiting for something to be imposed by the province.

"The province has actually said that they would like to see us working on our own solution ... we just need to all try to be on the same page going forward, willing to be open to new ideas," county Warden Liz Danielsen said.

Specifically, the county is uncertain about its OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) funding. The proposed budget is working from the assumption the county will receive \$200,000 for 2019, said county treasurer Elaine Taylor.

She adds the provincial government is evaluating OMPF and, "It could be zero if they say they're not going to continue."

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We just need to all try to be on the same page going forward, willing to be open to new ideas.

— COUNTY WARDEN LIZ DANIELSEN

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She said there has been a steady decline with OMPF grants, as the county received \$334,300 in 2018 and \$393,200 in 2017.

For context, the loss of \$200,000 could cost residents slightly more than approximately one per cent increase in property tax, which would help make up for the loss.

OMPF is the province's main assistance grant for municipalities, the government's website says. There are four core grant components and transitional assistance that reflect its objectives: support areas with limited property assessment; recognize the challenges of northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstances; and assist municipalities as they transition to the redesigned program. The transitional assistance refers to a guaranteed level of support to municipalities based on previous year's Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocation. The province provided \$510 million to 389 municipalities through the program.

Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan didn't hide her anxiety related to uncertainty over the Public Library Operating Grant and Public Library Pay Equity grant. Combined they are worth \$120,000.

"It's a big chunk of money and we rely on that," she said.

Besides revenue from taxation, this is the greatest amount of revenue for the library. It is projected to represent 11.5 per cent of the library's revenue in 2019. Losing this funding could add to the list of challenges, which include the high fees for downloadable products such as ebooks. (See story on page 4.)

Taylor said there is \$79,000 in reserves that could be directed to the HCPL.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin was away on holidays and Dave Burton was ill. As a result, county council said they would delay any important decisions until they meet again when Devolin and Burton are present.

Note:

The budget has outlined a proposed levy of \$18,079,504. This is 9.16 per cent more than 2018 and would result in a 5.39 per cent tax rate increase based on 2019 assessment values. The result is \$10.74 per \$100,000 for residences with no change in assessment val-

ue. There would be \$32.22 increase of tax on a residence worth \$300,000. The industrial occupied properties would see a tax increase of \$18.45 per \$100,000 of weighted assessment. The budget has not yet been set and these numbers will likely change.

Man arrested after fleeing RIDE program

On Feb. 4, at 8:30 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a RIDE program on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills.

Officers approached a pickup truck towing a snowmobile trailer as it entered the RIDE program. The officers observed a Highway Traffic Act offence and requested the driver pull over to the shoulder. The vehicle fled the location and collided with a guardrail and a tree a short distance away. The driver, a 34-year-old man from Kitchener, fled on foot injuring himself.

He was arrested and transported to hospital. Further investigation revealed that the snowmobile trailer and two snowmobiles inside were stolen from a local residence. The investigation also revealed a third snowmobile in the back of the pickup truck was stolen from Drumbo two days prior.

The man was charged with many offences including fleeing a peace officer, driving with no licence, using unauthorized plates,

driving with cannabis, no red light on the rear of a trailer, possession of property obtained by crime both over \$5,000 and under \$5,000.

He was held for a bail hearing on Monday, Feb. 4, in Lindsay.

Bobcaygeon woman charged with impaired driving

On Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. an officer of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was on patrol when they observed a single motor vehicle in the ditch on County Road 121, in the Township of Minden Hills.

On arrival at the scene, the officer initiated an investigation and determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol. As a result, a 51-year-old woman from Bobcaygeon was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while impaired.

She is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 6.

Broken Haliburton library window mischief results in arrest

A window of the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library was smashed during the early morning hours of Sunday, Feb. 3.

According to Constable Amanda Gilbert, with the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police, a witness reported observing the suspect smashing the window and

fleeing on foot at about 6:55 a.m.

"Police located and arrested [the suspect] a short time later," said Gilbert. A 26-year-old Haliburton man was arrested at a nearby residence and charged with Mischief Under \$5,000. The suspect is scheduled to appear in court in Minden on April 3, 2019.

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Libraries looking for greater access to e-books

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While demand for e-books and e-audiobooks is growing at library branches across Canada, library users may find they have trouble finding the materials they are looking for. This, according to the Canadian Urban Libraries Council, is due at least in part to multi-national publishing companies that aren't making best-selling titles, including some by Canadian and Indigenous authors, available to Canadian public libraries.

Another issue is the high prices some publishers are charging libraries for electronic books – think \$85 a copy – and some require that libraries re-purchase e-books after they have been read a set number of times.

"And sometimes, it's both," says Bessie Sullivan, CEO of the Haliburton County Public Library.

"You could have a line-up of 200 people for an e-book, and then it's finished after 26 checkouts," says Erin Kernohan-Berning, branch services librarian.

"So then, who's ever monitoring that has to re-order it," says Sullivan.

The county library pays for access to a provincial collection of electronic materials curated by the Southern Ontario Library Service, but also purchases supplemental copies of e-books that are only used by its patrons, "so that's what we try to do to mitigate the situation where we can," Kernohan-Berning says.

January was the most popular month on record for e-books

in the county library system, with nearly 2,400 digital items loaned out. The county upped its purchases of digital materials last year.

E-books and e-audiobooks make sense for Haliburton County for a number of reasons.

"In bad weather, people are going to use this collection," Sullivan says, referencing the high number of digital loans for January. "This, to us, is clearly an area we need to develop."

County residents who are snowbirds in the southern States for the winter can also access the library's electronic collection from their winter home, and staff have helped residents living elsewhere during other times of the year do the same.

"So people do use the library when they're not in the area, which is pretty cool," Kernohan-Berning says. "A lot of times cottagers will have a card for TPL [Toronto Public Library] and a card for here, for instance, and they use both our digital collection and TPL's."

"With us putting more money into the digital, anecdotally, kind of the effect from the patron's point of view is they may have put a hold on that e-book, and have looked at kind of what position they were sitting in . . ." she says. "I've heard from a couple of people, 'oh, I was like 40th in line and the next day I got it.' That's because we bought that supplemental copy because our collections development co-ordinator is looking at those lists and going, wow, that's a lot of high holds, and our people are on that list."

"And that's what's driving our collection right now," Sullivan says. "It's reacting to those wait times."

The Canadian Urban Libraries Council has been pushing international publishers to offer fairer pricing to libraries and is continuing that advocacy work.

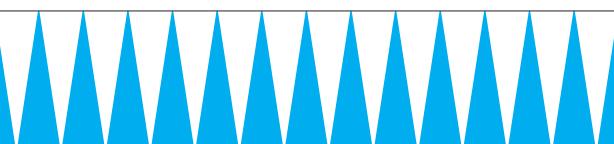
"We are going to be extending the advocacy on this topic into a longer term strategy," council executive director Jefferson Gilbert told the paper in an email. "And already one of the Big 5 [publishers] has reached out in a positive and constructive dialogue about we can better work together and make unavailable materials available in Canada. They are asking us to prioritize the order in which they are working on updated contracts, etc."



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Highland Wood roof needs repair, building evacuated

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Recurring ice build-up that has led to several leaks in the roof at Highland Wood long-term care facility in Haliburton are being addressed by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services maintenance team so that further inspections can take place and the roof can be repaired, allowing residents to move back in.

"The leaks have been extensive, in multiple areas including hallways and resident rooms," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO, via email to the *Times* in response to questions on Feb. 7. "Our maintenance team has been working around the clock to divert water off the roof and to monitor leaks inside the building as the ice melts and the rain falls."

Evacuation of all 28 residents living in the long-term care facility began Feb. 6, initially with some residents being relocated to other parts of the building and to neighbouring long-term care facilities. By Feb. 7, after a detailed inspection of the roof, all Highland Wood residents were being relocated to other facilities in the county and within the Central East Local Health Integration Network catchment area until further notice.

"During the time that we had to temporarily relocate some residents to other parts of the facility, the residents and their families were very understanding, as they recognized the challenging situation we were facing," Plummer told the *Times*. "It was very difficult when we had to make the decision to relocate residents to other facilities; it's never easy to leave one's home in a crisis situation, and this was no different. Although everyone understands that the safety of

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Roof repair had been scheduled for this spring

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our residents is our top priority, and they understand why we needed to make this decision, it was still difficult to leave familiar surroundings and the staff who know them so well."

The 19-year-old roof was scheduled to be replaced this spring.

In a press release issued Feb. 11, Haliburton Highlands Health Services said hospital and long-term care home facilities, including roofs, were assessed by experts in 2017 as part of their capital program. It was recommended, through the assessment, that the roofs proactively be replaced before 2021. A tender to replace both Hyland Crest and Highland Wood roofs was issued in May 2018, and the tender awarded in July 2018.

"Based on the assessment, Hyland Crest was scheduled first, and that work was completed in September 2018," reads the press release. "Weather conditions prevented us from moving forward to replace the Highland Wood roof follow-

ing the work at Hyland Crest and the work was then rescheduled for spring 2019."

Highland Wood's roof has reportedly been regularly inspected and monitored by the HHHS maintenance team, however, it showed signs of extensive leaking this year.

"Unfortunately, the extreme fluctuations in temperature and weather conditions over the late fall and into the winter led to an excessive build-up of ice on the roof and then a sudden melt, which led to the steps taken last week to safely evacuate and relocate residents to other facilities," reads the statement from HHHS. "The team is now actively working on removing the recurring ice build-up to support further inspections. We will then take the appropriate steps to ensure the situation is effectively addressed, confirming a timeline for repairing the roof and reopening Highland Wood."

HHHS will be setting up an information hot line within the coming days. Family members with questions regarding the placement of loved ones can call the Central East LHIN Long-Term Care Placement Team at 310-2222.

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— CAROLYN PLUMMER, HHHS CEO

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Open to the public

AS THIS PAPER goes to print, Minden Hills councillors are finalizing their decision on whether or not to approve a \$12 million (plus HST) new arena/community hub contract. In part because this is a single source bid on our community's most expensive endeavour to date, all eyes – including many from outside of the township – are on this hot topic. The decision should be one that as many residents as possible are able to bear witness to, in person.

At that meeting, as at all council meetings, taxpayers will be able to see how their elected and acclaimed councillors represent their constituents' needs. This is a chance to see how town officials work together: how they speak to each other, how they plan and solve problems, and what questions they ask – or if they ask questions at all – for better understanding.

But the meeting for this particular decision is being held at 3 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon. This scheduling limits the number of residents who will be able to attend.

Besides more accessible council meetings, open and public town halls in which ideas are encouraged and discussions are welcome prior to plans being solidified should be held frequently and regularly.

We know that town halls provide an interaction away from a screen – where tone can be misread and online decorum off-putting. Evening public meetings held in other townships in this county when issues are especially controversial have been popular.

The all-candidates meetings hosted by media outlets before elections were each attended by hundreds of people. They brought together a

diverse population in one room for healthy face-to-face discourse – so we know this format works.

It's true, there isn't a time for council meetings or town halls that will suit everyone perfectly: daytime meetings are nearly impossible for seasonal residents, business owners and employees to attend. In the past, evening meetings might have worked best for everyone, but can be tricky for those who work nights, and families including single parents.

If meetings have been poorly attended, townships can find out why and work toward solutions.

- Meetings should be announced well in advance and planned carefully. The open house to present the design of the arena/community hub project was held on Dec. 17, at a pre-holiday time considered obviously busy for most people.
- During town halls, on-site childcare should

be made available, and carpooling promoted or shuttles hired to encourage attendance.

- Public meetings should be streamed online so seasonal residents and those unable to travel locally can take part, or offered as a conference call option so that people can call in to take part in "telephone town halls."
- Look to other communities. Even a cursory Google search shows what other towns are doing to provide a more open forum for their public.

Other divisive and even more urgent topics will continue to come to the council table. Thoughtful planning of town halls should allow residents to offer input and be heard together, while council meeting scheduling should give residents every opportunity to attend important discussions. Is anyone listening?



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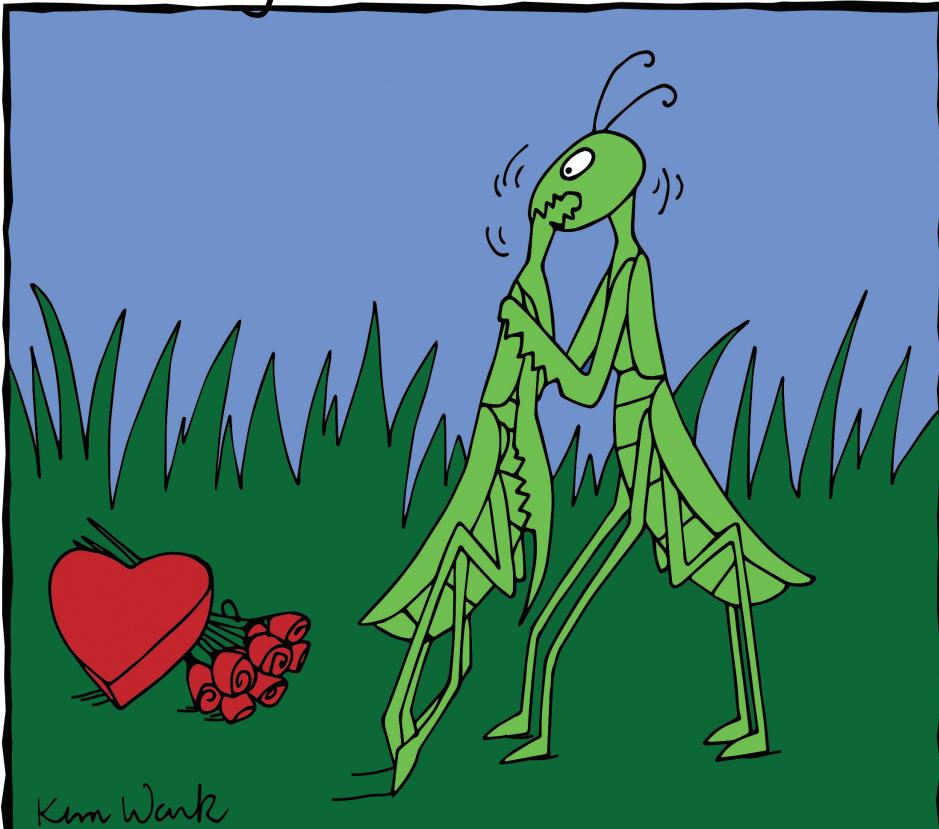
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"Thank you for a lovely evening."

Let it snow

AS I WRITE THIS, I am anticipating what could be the storm of the century – but enough about Valentine's Day. We also have a lot of snow in the forecast.

If you ask me, a good snowstorm is just what the doctor ordered. For without at least one good dump of snow each winter, I would have a hard time justifying my ongoing campaign for a dogsled, six huskies and a really cool nickname like "Yukon."

That's why I'm excited to hear that we might get as much as 35 centimetres of snow. This would mean that, for the first time ever, people would look at me and say, "Huh, you're wearing snowshoes. What a smart idea!"

This, by the way, is a phrase that has been uttered less than half a dozen times since the invention of the snowshoe.

The point here is that with 35 centimetres of snow in the offing, snowshoes would not just be a failed fashion accessory. They would actually prove useful.

This is the greatest dream of every snowshoe owner. For each and every person who owns a set of snowshoes harbors a perverse fantasy in which he or she saves the town by using snowshoes to make it to "Doc's place" to get medical supplies and provisions.

Somewhere along the way, the snowshoe wearer would outrun a pack of wolves, have a bare knuckle boxing match with a polar bear, develop a grudging mutual respect and friendship that will come in handy later, cross a questionable creek, build a life-saving fire with half a match and rescue a comely heroine who was, for



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

some reason, tied to the railway tracks. Needless to say, this is entirely implausible, primarily because our railway system is not what it used to be.

Nevertheless, most of us will still take the 35 centimetres of snow. After all, that's the kind of snow that buries snow shovels, makes roads impassable, renders igloo building prudent and closes mountain passes. Put that way, I think we can all agree this is a glorious thing.

Even more important, whenever we get any large amounts of snow, we get an opportunity to explain to Americans what the centimetre amount equates to in inches. This makes Canadians appear sophisticated and more cosmopolitan – something that is not always so easy to do while wearing snowshoes and a toque.

Thirty-five centimetres is 13.78 inches, by the way.

This might not seem like a lot of snow, but snowfall like that almost always comes with high winds and accompanying snow drifts that make it easy to slide your canoe atop your SUV just in time for spring – which is clearly another bonus if you can remember where you parked.

Last but not least, snow like this reminds us what a good Canadian winter is like. And it also recharges our water bodies and wetlands, justify snow machines, skiing and snow tires and make this one of the greatest places in the world to have a snowball fight.

This could only happen in Canada and other northern countries. For as this week's news shows, when it happens in the U.S., they are definitely out of their depth.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Understanding plants and animals

TREE BRANCHES whisper in a summer breeze, or creak in an icy winter wind, and I wonder if they are talking to each other. A wolf howls from a far-off hill and I wonder if it is mourning a loss. Perhaps a mate is sick, or a member of the pack has gone missing.

It might seem far-fetched, but there is growing belief that plants and animals have feelings and are capable of expressing them. It is a belief found in a number of recent books.

In his bestselling *The Hidden Life of Trees*, German forester Peter Wohlleben writes that forests are social networks in which trees communicate with each other. They share food, help members that are struggling and warn of dangers such as invasive insects.

He supports that view with scientific data showing that trees exchange information, nutrients and support through their large and intricate root systems.

In *The Wisdom of Wolves*, filmmakers Jim and Jamie Dutcher share their observations from living among a partially domesticated wolf pack. Their observations told them that wolves, the world's most despised and feared animals, are social beings with emotions. They show concern and compassion for other pack members, and even demonstrate grief at the loss of a pack member.

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"We live in the most complex time in human history," he said. It is a time that demands collective efforts to achieve a balance between our lifestyles and the environment.

Combining science and cross-cultural dialogue is one way to achieve that balance. In other words, combine what we learn from science and technology with Indigenous knowledge gathered over centuries.

I take that as a call for more diversity to achieve the balance needed to save our planet. More diversity in forests, animal populations and our own societies.

Diversity is hampered when we try to eradicate species we don't like or fear, such as mosquitos and wolves. It is hampered when we reforest with single tree species or when we try to wall off people from other cultures and other countries.

Trees and animals may not have the intellectual abilities of humans but somehow seem to know that diversity is critical to balance in nature. Acres of pines planted in rows do not a forest make because they discourage other plant growth. A mountain range without wolves allows overpopulations of elk and deer to wipe out plants and leafed trees.

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Urban areas in particular need more trees, plants, and greenery in general. Studies have shown that not only do trees and plants absorb urban pollution, they provide relief from the mental fatigue of living in the city.

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From *Shaman's Rock*

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letters to the editor

Open letter to Minden Hills council

To Minden Hills Council,

Re: "Validation phase exceeds approved costs," Minden Times, Feb. 7

Please help Minden property tax payers understand how a "validation" for a new arena can balloon from \$140,000 to \$323,000 in four months with very little explanation or appreciation of whose money is going into this project.

As Councillor [Bob] Carter states in the article, "that's a 50 per cent increase." Councillor [Jennifer] Hughey also agreed with Carter.

Chad Ingram points out explicitly in his editorial on page 6, that a project worth \$14,000,000 including taxes was awarded to a sole bidder. This is unconscionable. Clearly the request for proposal (RFP) was not drawn up appropriately as to not draw in more than one offer. This RFP

should have gone back to the drawing board for further research on the best way to present an RFP.

Seems this is standard of practice for this council and the previous council with overruns on the new fire hall, which I understand was also awarded to a sole bidder.

As retirees and taxpayers for over 20 years in the town, we demand this RFP be squashed and another appropriate contract be agreed upon before being sent out to prospective bidders. As Mark Coleman suggests, council can agree, disagree with the contract or terminate outright. Feb. 14 the council must vote to terminate this contract.

Bruce & Anne Stephens
Minden

Trying to stay neutral on arena

To the Editor,

I have tried to take an open and neutral position on our arena situation. A lot of reasonable points for both sides have been posted in your paper recently. One in particular recently got my attention and not in a good way. Titled "Building In the Public Interest."

The letter starts by stating "how great it is that the arena is busy on weekends being used by families from here and the greater surrounding area." The letter finishes with a statement about "Why should Minden shoulder the cost of a pool when the whole county would use it?" I'm not sure how to interpret these two statements.

The writer wonders why some are concerned

about using their "precious tax money" for the project. In case you haven't noticed this is far from the richest community in the province and the amount of tax some pay means they may have to sacrifice somewhere else.

Finally, the writer had to throw a dig at our seasonal residents. Doesn't she understand their importance?

As I stated I am trying to stay neutral but I am concerned about a couple of points: Sole sourcing of the project and counting on support from other levels of government. Oh yes! And one more, letters that don't help one side or the other.

Jack Sward
Minden

Hip dysfunction

OUR HIPS ARE a ball and socket joint where the femur (thigh bone) meets the pelvic bone. The beauty of this type of joint is that it moves in all directions. If you want to see just how amazing it is watch a child move around or sit on the floor. It amazes me that I was once able to move in that way. Any mobility that we have lost over the years has very little to do with aging. It is a result of sitting too much.

Our brilliant bodies work to make us comfortable in the position that we spend most of our time in. On average, Canadians spend 10 hours a day sitting.

We sit while we eat, drive, work, watch TV and this was my big "ah ha" moment, while we sleep. If you sleep in the fetal position (I do) then you're essentially in the sitting position - only horizontally. All of that time in that "crouched" means there is tension in the muscles that keep your legs bent at the hips and knees. Also the muscles that keep your legs together when you're seated are constantly working to hold that position. This all creates dysfunctional hip joints.

Having a locked joint, especially one as important as our hips, means that other parts of our bodies have to do the work to move us in the directions we want to go. While we're able to complete the movement we intend to do, it ultimately means that other joints are working in ways they shouldn't be. Knee, ankle and foot pain can be the result of locked up hips. Back pain can be added to this list as well.

It's time to get those hips moving. There are a number of ways to do that. The fol-

lowing methods are a good starting point:

Standing Rear Leg Raise: Grab on to something secure for balance. Stand up straight and raise one leg (keep it straight) straight back behind you in a very slow motion. Do not tilt your upper body forward to make this happen. Repeat three to five per leg daily or more if you can.

Standing Side Leg Raise: Grab on to something secure for balance. Stand up straight and raise one leg (keep it straight) to the side in a very slow motion. Do not tilt your body upper sideways as you are lifting the leg. Repeat three to five per leg daily or more if you can.

Sit on the floor: That's right. Get down on the floor when you have that choice and sit there without leaning up against anything. Sit with your legs in as many different positions as you can. Look up the 90/90 Hip Stretch. It's an amazing way to get those hips unlocked.

The sooner you get working on increasing the range of motion of your hips the better your body will feel, and the more you will move. Start slowly. Don't push to a point of pain. Even five minutes on the floor for every hour you normally spend on the couch is an investment in getting your hips to work the way they were meant to.

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Sandy Lane owners look to collaborate

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The husband-and-wife team of Rob Berthelot and Janette Lemmings are all about a collaborative approach to tourism in the Haliburton Highlands.

The couple purchased Sandy Lake Resort and Conference Centre on Halls Lake last August, and are quickly becoming engrained in their new community.

"We're more about the area, than just ourselves," says Berthelot, who is already a member of the Haliburton Highlands tourism stakeholders group and sits on the Haliburton County tourism advisory committee.

"I want people to come and enjoy our cabins, but I want them to come and experience stuff," says Lemmings, making reference to the multitude of sites and activities that can be found within the county.

The couple moved to the area from Durham Region.

"We were both in the nuclear industry until June of last year," says Berthelot, who was previously employed in the military, and before that in the hospitality industry in Toronto. Originally from Elliot Lake, he says Haliburton County reminds him of his hometown, with its plentiful lakes and rocky terrain.

"It's been a lifetime of building towards this," he says of buying Sandy Lane. The couple purchased the 16-cabin resort from Joachim Matysek, who owned it for 30 years, and they can tell that Matysek built up a list of faithful visitors over the years.

"Most of them are repeat guests," Lemmings says. There are the snowmobilers that constitute some of the resort's winter clientele, as

well as those looking for a weekend getaway.

"We get a lot of couples that just come up," Lemmings says. They are already about half booked for the peak summer season, and with a number of weddings booked as well, some into 2020.

The couple are working on some renovations, gradually updating the cabins with new flooring, energy-efficient appliances, new windows and furnishings, which they've purchased from local businesses. Berthelot says he plans to eventually purchase smart TVs, so guests can hook their smartphones up to them.

"I'd like to update the wi-fi at some point," he adds.

They'd like to make greater use of the resort's conference space, which is licensed for more than 170 people, and houses a com-



Janette Lemmings and Rob Berthelot are the new owners of Halls Lake's Sandy Lane Resort and Conference Centre. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

cial kitchen.

"We're really trying to build a conference centre base as well," Berthelot says. The couple are also in search of a staff member – someone who can clean, but also work in an administrative capacity in the office.

They have a Yuks Yuks night planned for April, and are offering ready-made meals from local caterer AM PM Outdoor Gourmet.

"The single biggest thing I'm a proponent of is that collaboration," Berthelot says.

Minden to host food forum

With Haliburton County's local food system blossoming, an upcoming forum will look at ways to further nurture and enhance this growing sector.

Harvest Haliburton is hosting the Food and Agriculture Economic Development Forum on Tuesday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Minden Hills Community Centre (55 Parkside Street). This free, interactive event, which includes lunch, is a chance for interested residents, food producers, farmers, retailers, restaurateurs, elected politicians, municipal staff and others to learn about the exciting food and agriculture-related projects underway in Haliburton County. Participants can also discover how they can support and shape the future of the local food sector.

People are encouraged to register for the food forum at www.harvesthaliburton.com by Feb. 20.

There's plenty of items on the agenda for the local food forum, including:

Bite-sized presentations on the many organizations, initiatives and enterprises that make up the local food system in Haliburton County.

A keynote address by Ontario agricultural ministry staff on the tools and strategies available to help the Highlands' local food sector thrive.

A free lunch showcasing ingredients from many of the area's primary food producers.

"Time for action" sessions that will look into specific priorities and challenges facing the local food system. Forum participants

can take part in one of five discussion topics: selling and branding local food, culinary and food tourism, municipal food planning, agricultural economic development opportunities and needs of the community, or other burning topics.

A wrap-up action plan session that will help develop and prioritize strategies to address the biggest food sector challenges.

"We encourage people to come out and participate in this important food forum," Rosie Kadwell, an event organizer and registered dietitian with the health unit says. "From planting to policy, we are all players in promoting a sustainable local food system that benefits ourselves, our economy and the environment."

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Unexpected events can lead to homelessness

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

This article is the second in a series on homelessness in Haliburton County leading up to an awareness event to be held throughout the county on March 1.

Fay Martin gets phone calls each month from people experiencing homelessness in Haliburton County.

But how do people find themselves in such a position?

Though not necessarily something people talk about around the water cooler, in a society where more and more people are living paycheque to paycheque and carrying a heavy debt load, homelessness can easily occur, according to Martin, founder of non-profit housing organization Places for People.

“Particularly in a place like Haliburton County where paycheques aren’t guaranteed, or how much is on it isn’t guaranteed, that means that a really very large proportion of our population are in theory at risk of homelessness,” she said. “We might not know that, because if they lose their house they move in with someone else – they move in with their parents, their kids, to somebody’s cottage that they’re not using, somebody’s house if they’ve gone south. They

find some place to slide, sort of.”

A more generous definition of homelessness was defined with a revision in 2017 by the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, a non-profit, non-partisan research institute. It defines homelessness as falling into four categories: unsheltered (absolutely homeless, sleeping in cars or on streets), emergency sheltered (staying in overnight shelters, or shelters for people experiencing family violence), provisionally accommodated (people living in temporary accommodation, such as couchsurfing or housesurfing) and risk of homelessness (people who are not homeless, but whose housing situation is precarious or unsafe).

“Why have this more generous definition?” asked Martin. “A home is more than a roof over your head. A home is a place where you can be who you are and live. Like live your life. If it’s freezing cold or you feel unsafe, it isn’t a home. It’s a roof overhead but it isn’t a home. You cannot thrive.”

Under this definition, Martin said any unexpected life event might find anyone at risk of homelessness of some sort.

“What happens if somebody gets sick?” she said. “Around here we know that if somebody has a serious accident, there’s a GoFundMe page that gets set up, a bank account set up, because there’s a recognition that most people don’t have the resources to bridge that kind of traumatic situa-

tion. So they’re at risk of homelessness. Very active risk of homelessness. Maybe because of money, but maybe also because the house they have is no longer appropriate for them to live in, like if someone has to [use] a wheelchair.”

“If you start going to the people you know, how many of them could in fact be tipped into homelessness with this more generous definition?” she asked.

News reports after the recent partial government shutdown in the United States showed that some federal workers faced the potential of losing their house because of missed payments.

“So that’s one way that people get into homelessness, that their income gets interrupted for whatever reason,” said Martin. “It could be illness, could be the business goes out of business, it could be just their hours go down, could be that they’ve lost their car so they can’t get to work because the transportation failed, any of those could within, really a month, could tip you into losing that roof over your head.”

She lists scenarios she has heard of people in the county experiencing through her own social networks, or from those monthly phone calls seeking guidance. In some cases, people have come for a job in the area but haven’t been able to find a place to live. For some, their rent payments can be made but the high cost of utilities leaves them in a precarious housing situation. Some have experienced a medical condition, and their house no longer works for them due to a disability or fragile health because the bathroom and bedroom or laundry room aren’t all on the main floor requiring no use of stairs.

Others have had their marriage end, and have needed to leave their home, while some have become widowed and can’t manage their house on their own. They aren’t able to afford domestic help, and even those who are financially secure can’t necessarily find it here.

When people in Haliburton County experience homelessness, or are on the brink of it, what resources can they access?

“Where do you go?” asked Martin. “It’s not [always that] you don’t have the money, it’s there’s no place to go to. And that is legitimately homelessness. That’s one of the legitimate forms of homelessness, is insecurity. Where you can’t count on having that roof. You can’t relax and say, yes, I can get on with other things in my life, because this one’s in place.”

Those who find themselves suddenly without stable housing who need or want to stay in the area because their job or family are here often make do with temporary solutions, such as staying in motels.

“We don’t have a shelter,” said Martin. “If you want a shelter you have to go to Lindsay. We have a significant shortage of rental housing. Much of the rental housing we have is either under the radar, so in order to find it you need to have those social connections. Much of it is, the rent might be OK but the utilities will kill you. So you’re in a tough spot. No question about that. No question about that.”

The sleeping in cars event takes place overnight on Friday, March 1 to raise awareness of the homelessness issue. Visit www.placesforpeople.ca for more information.

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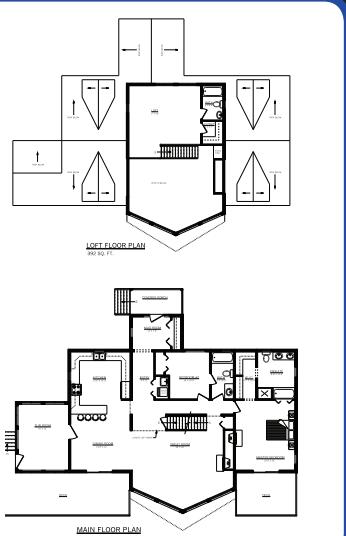


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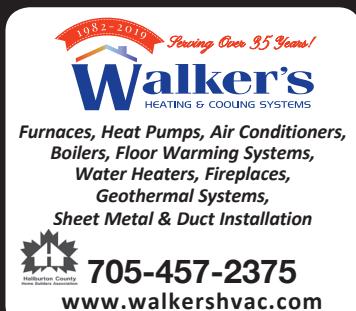
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Transit plan in hands of county

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sible needed to be balanced with operational affordability. "This means that door-to-door service for every resident would not be possible to start. To be clear, there are few public transportation services that do offer door-to-door service to every resident."

The RTO is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and has been working on transportation projects since 2010.

Jackson said there is no one transportation system that can fulfill all the needs of all users.

"So we are looking at this model as part of a larger transportation system," she said. "I cannot stress enough that this model is designed to work in tandem with existing services . . . At first we need to start with something that we know is manageable, and plan for expansion in increments."

"Lastly, we do have local expertise in this specific model in Haliburton County," Jackson said. "They are at the table and they are ready to make this happen. They have offered their support in developing this model, as a successful made-in-Haliburton service."

"This isn't just our opinion, in terms of how to be successful," said Lisa Tolentino, a member of the RTO and the task force. A number of task force members, Tolentino included, have post-secondary education in areas of transportation and public policy.

The funding for the task force and the RTO co-ordinator position is coming to an end in March.

"I'd like to conclude by saying that the members of RTO, the transportation co-ordinator, Tina, and the task force itself has worked tirelessly . . . to craft solutions using various networks to find funding and keep momentum on this issue going," Tolentino told councillors. "However, folks are only able to continue for so long, without seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We are hoping that your council, in support of county council, can be that light at the end of the tunnel."

"You can hear the passion in both your voices," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, thanking Jackson and Tolentino for their presentation. County councillors made a delegation to provincial politicians at the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference regarding the proposed transportation system.

"They were receptive," Moffatt said. "We just asked for consideration of the funding model."

It's estimated the cost of running the booked, shared ride service proposed in the consultant's report would cost about \$300,000 a year, with the anticipation that some of that cost would be covered by provincial funding programs.

County councillors have submitted questions regarding the proposed model to the county's planner and whether to proceed with the model will be discussed during budget conversations.

"We really need to do a fulsome discussion [at the county council table]," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who is Haliburton County warden for 2019. "It's one of the items that is top of mind."

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— DEPUTY MAYOR LIZ DANIELSEN

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A participant in the 30th annual Haliburton Forest poker run reacts to turning her cards over – not a winning hand – at the end of the day of snowmobiling through Forest trails on Feb. 9.

SNOWSHOE hikes!

"WILD WAYS OF WHITE WATER"~ 1.5km
Saturday February 2nd, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Minden White Water Preserve (meet in parking lot on Horseshoe Lk Rd)
 Hike Leader: Rick Whitteker

"SNOWSHOE SNOWDON"~ 3km
Saturday February 9th, 2:00pm –4:00pm
Snowdon Park (meet in parking lot off County Rd #1)
 Hike Leader: Rick Whitteker

"WETLANDS IN WINTER"~ 3km
Saturday March 2nd, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Queen Elizabeth Wildlands Provincial Park (meet in Devils Lake parking lot off Deep Bay Rd)
 Hike Leader: Rick Whitteker

For more information visit www.mindenhills.ca/recreation

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!
SPACE IS LIMITED
 Snowshoes available for use upon request
COST: BY DONATION
 Elisha: eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family WINTER Warm-up!

Friday February 15th, 2019
 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Minden Hills Cultural Centre

6:30-7:30– Guided Night Walk!
 Take a guided walk through the forest and learn about animals in winter, adaptations, senses, constellations and more through fun, interactive games!

7:30-8:30– Outdoor skating, hot chocolate and S'mores! Skates are not provided.

Admission is by donation
 For more info. contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca



Poker run offers fun in spades

Puppies Hali and Burton brought their people to the 30th annual Haliburton Forest poker run for a day of sledding and fundraising for the Haliburton Firefighters Association. / SUE TIFFIN Staff

Minden Times had humble beginnings

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

When Jack Brezina was asked to talk about the history of the *Minden Times* for members of the Haliburton County Historical Society on Jan. 24, he was more than happy to do so, after a little research that brought out the skills honed during his time as a journalist.

Brezina owned the *Minden Times* for 22 years, but hadn't delved into the history of the organization prior to his ownership, he told the crowd gathered at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Over the years, he had met people on the street or in the post office who had offered him what he said were snippets of information about the paper's past, but he didn't know much about the *Times* outside of the years from 1979 to 2001, when he was publisher of the paper, which turned 56 last month.

"I didn't have an organized place to start and place to end, so I went looking for sources, as any good journalist would do," he said. Some help from a 2013 article celebrating the *Times'* golden anniversary written by current reporter Chad Ingram, research at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, conversations with Minden residents and searching online helped him gather the information he needed for a look back that was very well-received by the crowd.

The *Minden Progress*, the forerunner of the *Minden Times*, was first published on

Jan. 30, 1963, started by editor Alan Capon, printer Charles Stevens, ad manager Don Nye and business manager Ervin House. Bob Beeney, Bill Payne and Jim Elder were other early staff members.

Initially the paper had no headquarters, just a Minden post office box.

"The preparation was done at the homes of these individuals that I've mentioned," said Brezina. "They would gather the news, get the contributions from the community, put it together, type it all up, and then it was sent down to Stevens' print shop which was in Fenelon Falls where it was laid out and finally printed."

Warren Payne, son of Bill, remembered that it would come back to Minden on the late bus on Friday night, and his parents would set about folding the papers and addressing them.

"Addressing was originally a cut-and-paste job with hand-typed labels, but later a labelling machine was obtained," said Brezina, reading files from Stephen Hill at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. "This chore occasionally ran until 3 a.m. in the morning on the Saturday morning, but it was necessary because they needed to get the papers to the post office at 8 a.m."

Though Warren couldn't find any bits of newspaper memorabilia in the basement when Brezina asked him if he might have any old materials left from those days, he does remember that time and the yellow rubber



Jack Brezina, who owned the *Minden Times* for 22 years, speaks of the paper's history at a Haliburton County Historical Society gathering held Jan. 24 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum./SUE TIFFIN Staff

finger coverings he wore while helping with the papers.

"For some odd reason, Warren remembers not only the smell of the ink – well, I think that's normal, when I walk into a print shop I can smell the newspapers that used to be running through my veins – and as he labelled or was working with it ... his hands would be black and the ink would be up his sleeves. But he also wore little rubber finger tips to help him pick up the papers. So for whatever reason, it sticks in his mind."

Initially, the *Progress* was printed twice monthly. In 1965, it was sold to Al Grier, who changed it to a weekly process. For the first time, the newspaper had a home of its own when Grier built an office that some readers might remember as being the brightly-coloured later home of Sunny Variety on Bobcaygeon Road and housed there the printing press equipment that he purchased from Stevens.

In 1973, Grier sold the paper to Bill and Marni Foote of Chatham. Bill was a former *Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star* reporter who leased the building from Grier until the newspaper office was moved, eventually settling into its 30-year-home over the bridge in the former liquor store on Bobcaygeon Road, where the Organic Times health food store is now located.

"Deborah moved in there and bought the building, then she said she had a surprise for me on opening day and there it was," said Brezina of the health food store name that pays homage to the paper. "I really appreciated that. And if you look ... the word 'Times' is in our own old type style. It's good to see."

Under the Footes, the newspaper went bankrupt.

"It's not an uncommon thing for small newspapers in small towns, for that to happen," said Brezina.

West Guilford businessman Grenville Stamp and Minden entrepreneur and Lutterworth township reeve Ron Gambell, "recognizing an opportunity as well as not wanting the community to be without a local voice," said Brezina, "saved the business."

It was at that time, the *Progress* became the *Times*.

"I always told anyone that inquired that the Minden newspaper was somehow linked to the *New York Times* and the *Times of London*, but I don't think anyone believed me," said Brezina.

Gambell told the *Times* in 2013 he had liked

the name because he was an Oshawa native and was familiar with the name of the local paper there, the *Oshawa Times*. Together the pair relied on community contributions in the form of press releases or news from service clubs and organizations, to fill the pages.

"Meanwhile, 600 kilometres to the north, I was working as the editor of the *Northland Post* in Cochrane," said Brezina. He and his wife Pat wanted to move south, and through the Ontario Community Newspaper Association, he began making inquiries about what might be for sale.

"I came down and visited with a few of them, but they were a great deal out of my [price] range," said Brezina, and to laughs: "Well, I didn't have any money at all, so..."

In early May, 1979, Brezina drove to Minden following information the *Minden Times* might be available for sale.

"...[L]eaving behind 12-foot high snow-banks and ice-covered lakes, way up in the north, I arrived in Minden to see the grass was green," said Brezina. "The horticultural society was planting the riverside flower beds and nary a drop of snow could be seen."

Brezina was sold on the community, and with the help of his father who took out a second mortgage on his Kitchener home, his offer of \$30,000 for the business was accepted. He took ownership on June 4, 1979. The paper came with four staff: receptionist, typesetter, reporter/editor and a salesperson.

"The last edition before I took over was a thin 12 pages, and I knew I wouldn't last long if the page count, which is predicated on the number of ads in the paper, did not increase," said Brezina. "My experience was as a journalist. My knowledge of running the business side of a newspaper was as thin as that last edition."

A summer paper would run 16 pages in length and would shrink to eight pages in February, with the businesses being as seasonal as the population of the time. Many cottagers at the time closed their cottages on Labour Day or Thanksgiving and returned for the May long weekend.

"However, I'd like to give credit here to the Dollo family, who owned and operated the IGA grocery store, now the Foodland store," said Brezina. "They had a full-page ad on the back page when I bought the paper, and it was there when I sold it 22 years later. It is something you don't see today, but having a

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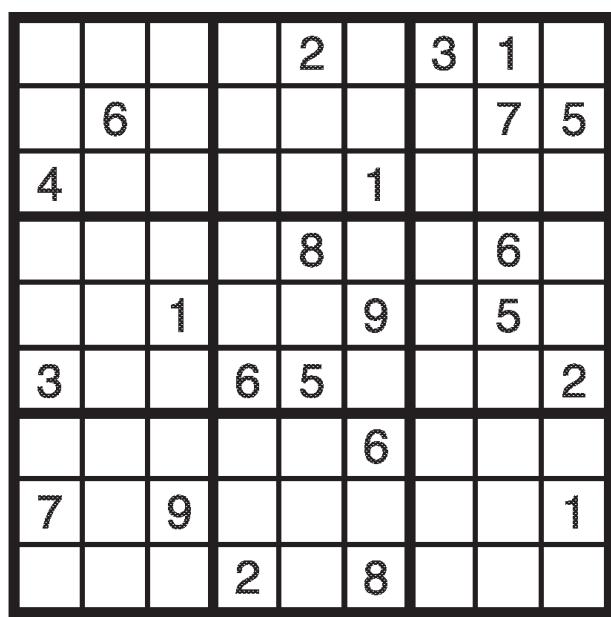
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Paper takes a stand against bigotry

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grocery store ad in your paper back then was significant. Beyond the income it generated for the paper, in an era before grocery store flyers, its presence was a good reason for residents to subscribe or buy the paper from the stores. It provided an incentive for other businesses to advertise in the publication, knowing that people would be picking it up to scan the grocery specials for that week, and quite frankly, it was a feather in our caps to have a weekly ad of that size in our newspaper even when it was just 12 or eight pages."

Brezina took on the reporting and editing responsibilities to keep the paper afloat, and covered county council, the local councils, and meetings of the pre-almagamation lower tier townships in the area, including Lutterworth, Snowdon, Stanhope, Dorset, and Anson, Hindon and Minden.

"So that kept us fairly busy, and most of those municipalities used our paper to advertise zoning changes ... so our coverage of their efforts, I think was appreciated in most cases, unless we were uncovering something unsavoury going on."

After five years or so, a reporter was hired and coverage was expanded to include Dysart council, the Haliburton County school board, and occasionally townships in the east, including Gooderham, Glamorgan and further east. Correspondence from Hyland Crest and the now-defunct Women's Institute was included, as well as a Minden column by Jeanne Sears.

"She would be chronicling the social comings and goings of the village and the area, and like many of the correspondents of the day in small-town weeklies, she reported who was ill, who had visited the city or who had visitors up," said Brezina. "Births, deaths and marriages were noted as well as her personal pet peeves: kids riding their bicycles on the sidewalks, messy yards, businesses that weren't open when their sign said they should be. Her contributions and those of her fellow correspondents were a colourful addition to the paper and helped create a sense of community."

In those days before computers, reporters wrote their stories on typewriters, which they handed to a typesetter, who had to retype it into a machine that created long strips of photographic paper. Those strips were run through a processor, hung to dry after running through a developer and fix, and then run through a waver, which coated the back of the strips before they were cut and paste onto layout pages, with copy being fit around ads. Headlines and cutlines were added to photos – spotted typos were dreaded due to the process – and finished pages were rolled to ensure the pieces stayed in place. The newspaper was printed at a press in Bracebridge, alongside numerous other community papers.

"We had our slotted time," said Brezina. "Miss the appointment, and they would move to other work and we would have to wait and hopefully try to fit us in so I could get it back."

It was crucial, according to Brezina, to have the papers back in the office by 8 a.m. so that local subscribers could have their paper that morning.

"In the early days, I'd drive back and forth twice," said Brezina, detailing how he had to drop off the bundle of pages and then return in the early morning hours to pick up the finished product. "Eventually things got better, but there were times, particularly in the winter, when I'd just stay at the printing plant, sleeping on the post office bags sitting there."

The economy grew during that time, winter

cottaging and snowmobiling became more popular and businesses were busier during the winter.

"Remember those 12 or 16 page papers when I bought the business," asked Brezina. "Well in the 1990s, it wasn't unusual for the *Times* and its supplements to amount to 94 pages in the height of the summer." At its peak, the *Times* employed 12 people during the summer months, with a core group of six or seven employees and summer students to help.

Brezina said the standout moment for him as publisher came in the summer of 1989, when he said local white supremacist John Beattie, former head of the Nazi Party of Canada, organized a rally that brought groups of skinheads to Minden.

"Minden was not a particularly radical community in my estimation," said Brezina. "Oh sure, like any community if you turn over enough stumps you're likely to discover a few radicals slithering out from underneath."

A friend in Toronto faxed a poster found throughout the city that was advertising the rally on Canada Day weekend in a local Minden location.

"Needless to say, the event put the community in a very negative spotlight," said Brezina. "It was a challenging time for the community as we were determined to demonstrate it did not condone such an event taking place in our midst. I felt the newspaper should respond on behalf of the community to the situation, not just report on what was taking place."

The *Times* editorial staff reported on the event prior to it happening, and urged a community response. In addition to coverage led by then-editor Russ Duhaime, Brezina designed a poster printed in the paper that read, "YES," in bold letters, with copy underneath reading: As a citizen of Canada and a member of this community, I believe in equality for all individuals, regardless of race, colour, creed, religion or ethnic origin. Brezina mentioned in his talk that it wasn't quite the era where sexual orientation was at the forefront otherwise it would have been noted as well.

"I wanted the paper to be a vehicle for expressing the community's response to the invasion," said Brezina. The community gathered to protest the event, while police and media trucks from the city were on hand as

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NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2019 budget deliberations on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Township's Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road.

Council will continue its 2019 budget deliberations immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2019.

Matt Gower, Municipal Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Brezina brought copies of the 'yes' poster designed and published in the *Times* to rally the community against a gathering of white supremacists in Minden in 1989. "Needless to say, the event put the community in a very negative spotlight," said Brezina. "It was a challenging time for the community as we were determined to demonstrate it did not condone such an event taking place in our midst. I felt the newspaper should respond on behalf of the community to the situation, not just report on what was taking place." /SUE TIFFIN Staff

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 688 BOBCAYGEON ROAD (PLOZA2018061)

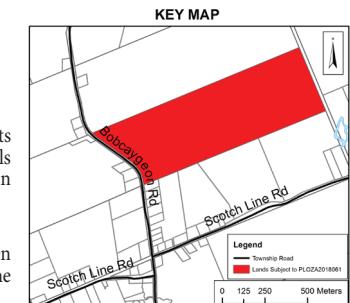
TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Official Plan & Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to lands located at 688 Bobcaygeon Road (see Key Map below).

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the application is to redesignate and rezone the property in order to establish a hauled sewage (septage) disposal and treatment facility on 7.38 ha. (18.24 ac.) of the west part of this 47.35 ha. (117 ac.) property. The property is currently located within the Rural land use designation in the Township's Official Plan and is Zoned Rural (RU) in the Township's Zoning By-law, the amendments would provide for a special policy within the Rural designation and would change the Zoning of the Property from the Rural (RU) Zone to a site-specific Rural Exception (RU-X) Zone to allow for the proposed use.

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne St., Minden, ON



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed amendments are available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM or by calling Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext. 206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan amendment and/or zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening@mindenhills.ca

RELATED APPLICATIONS: No additional planning applications were submitted in conjunction with this proposal. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has issued an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for the Hauled Sewage Disposal Site.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2019
Ian Clendening, Planner
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

We cannot guarantee the exact time the application will be considered by Council as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each application brought forward.

UPCOMING Community Events

Want to get your event in Community
Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at
classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday, Feb. 16
Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and event starts at 1 p.m.
Organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and part of Haliburton's Frost Festival
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or online at haliburtonlions.com. All proceeds to the SickKids' Garron Family Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
Contact: Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031

Frost Festival Lasagna Dinner

Date: Saturday, Feb. 16
Place: Fellowship Room, Haliburton United Church
Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 (Tickets at door)
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Dinner: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee/tea. Vegetarian and gluten free lasagna is available, takeout also available.

Valentine's Day Musical Concert

When: Saturday Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Where: Maple Lake United Church (corner of Hwy. 118 & Stanhope Airport Rd.)
Admission by donation. Light lunch following the concert.
All Proceeds go to Maple Lake United Church

CFUW Guest Speaker: Cara Steele

When: Thursday, Feb. 21,
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens
Cara Steele will be speaking at the Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands meeting. She will be highlighting the new developments at Abbey Gardens and will talk about future ideas including specifics about the Abbey Retreat Centre. Presentation begins at 1:40 and runs to 2:40 p.m. after which Heather will be offering a snowshoe hike for those interested.
All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
Cost: Free.

A travelog by Haliburton resident

Sean Pennylegion

When: Thursday Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum
He takes us on a tour of three South-East Asian Countries: Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam
Presented by Haliburton County Historical Society

Gord Kidd & Friends, Ian Pay & Brad Sales and featuring Don Stiver on steel guitar

When: Saturday Feb. 23, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non member
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

There will be no dinners offered at these events.

National Cupcake Day

When: Monday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Animal Hospital
Minden Animal Hospital is once again baking scrumptious cupcakes to benefit Muskoka OSPCA Bracebridge on National Cupcake Day. Pre orders are welcome until Feb. 22. Don't have a sweet tooth? Donations can be made by visiting National Cupcake Day. Search for the team "MAH Fur Pets."

Food Handler Course

When: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Running newspaper was a family affair

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well.

"One of the responsibilities of a newspaper, particularly a community newspaper, is to reflect the community it serves," said Brezina. "I believe it must also provide leadership when required, and I think we fulfilled that responsibility extremely well."

Brezina said Warren's memory of rubber fingertips caused him to remember his own son Kevin, who when he was old enough, would come to the *Times* office with his friend to perform similar tasks. Brezina's daughter Kerry also helped out at the office, taking classified ads and working as a receptionist. He also gave a shout-out to his wife Pat, who he said was "our iron-sided proofreader."

"I mention the involvement of my children in particular because I thought perhaps, one day, they would like to take over the operation," said Brezina. "As they approached the end of their high school years I asked on more than one occasion, 'are you interested? Do you want to take over?' And perhaps, having seen how the sausage was made, as they say, or a desire to flee to the big city as most of the high school kids up here have, by the time they left for university they had confirmed to me they had no interest in running the newspaper. My dreams of a Thompson-like dynasty quickly faded and I knew some day I'd have to sell."

In May 2001, Brezina sold the *Minden Times* to *Haliburton County Echo* publisher Len Pizzey.

"The day the deal was reached, I went over to the *Echo* office and we went for a walk on the boardwalk in Head Lake Park to talk it over," said Brezina. "I heard afterwards, the entire staff of the *Echo* had their noses pressed against the windows of the *Echo* office watching us sort out the details."

In 2004, Pizzey sold the papers to Osprey Media, and the *Minden Times* office was moved from its longtime home near

the bridge to the Century 21 plaza on IGA Road in 2006, where it is today.

In 2008, Sun Media, a division of Quebecor Media Inc. bought out Osprey Media. The *Times* is part of a publishing group that also includes the *Haliburton Echo*, *County Life* and *Bancroft This Week*. That package was purchased by White Pine Media in 2014.

Before ending his talk, Brezina said that based on information he found online, the first newspaper printed in the county was in Minden.

"In his book, *History of the Provisional County of Haliburton*, printed in 1931, former *Echo* owner R.H. Baker states that on August 21, 1884, the first copy of the *Minden Echo* was printed. The business passed through a number of hands until 1952, when the newly named *Haliburton County Echo* was moved from Minden to Haliburton Village. Briefly in the mid-1960s, the *Echo* owners opened a sister paper called the *Minden Recorder* which had its focus on Minden. It appeared to be a good strategic business move, but it just didn't pan out, and the name *Minden Recorder* was folded into the *Haliburton County Echo* name. Which, left a void in Minden, and allowed the *Minden Progress* to flourish and eventually grow to become the *Times*, which pretty much brings me back to where my story started."

Brezina answered questions for audience members, who told him they had enjoyed his talk.

"Of course there's a great deal that I've skipped over about the daily thrust and parry of newspaper publishing – doesn't it sound dramatic?" he said to laughter. "The libel suit, the misspelled names, the botched Women's Institute column, the late nights, putting the paper together in a steam bath, the transition to computer layout, but I'll have to save those for another occasion."

with files by Chad Ingram



Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Feb. 4

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Chris Cote – 177
Men – Gary Hunt – 205
This Week's Highs – Women
High Single – Chris Cote – 211
High Single Hcp – Millie Payne – 253
High Triple – Chris Cote – 568
High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 682
This Week's Highs – Men
High Single – Gary Hunt – 283
High Single Hcp – Gary Hunt – 300
High Triple – Fred Phipps – 681
High Triple Hcp – Fred Phipps – 795

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores, Feb. 5

Men

High Average – Claude Cote 204
High Single – Claude Cote 240
High Single H/C – Dave Tipton 262
High Triple – Claude Cote 635
High Triple H/C – Dave Tipton 705

Women

High Average – Chris Cote 185
High Single – Chris Cote 238
High Single H/C – Chris Cote 270
High Triple – Chris Cote 547
High Triple H/C – Chris Cote 633



SUDOKU SOLUTION

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MINOR HOCKEY

Midget girls

On Saturday evening, the Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets team travelled to Peterborough to play the Ice Kats for the start of the playoffs. The Jets played a hard, fast paced game exchanging opportunities from end to end against their rivals. Unfortunately, despite all of their efforts and determination they lost 2-0. One of the goals was an empty netter near the very end of the game.

On Sunday afternoon, the Jets hosted the Ice Kats for their second playoff game and came out on top, winning 1-0.

Victoria Shpikula got the rebound from a shot from defensive teammate, Natalie Hunter, and with a wicked wrist shot put the puck blocker side. The series is tied at two points each. We wish the girls the best of luck as they travel to Peterborough this Wednesday for Game 3.

By Linda Goulet

Novice

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice reps dominated the first two games of their quarter-final matchup against the Shelburne Wolves. Storm's right winger Henry Neilson was on fire in Game 1, scoring five of the seven Storm goals during Saturday home game. Evan Perrott and Issac Trotter got a goal each. Assisting the scorers were Matthew Scheffee with six, Jaxen Casey and Trotter with two and Luke Gruppe, Ethan DeCarlo and Neilson each with one. Game 1 ended with the Storm winning 7-1. Game 2 in Shelburne on Sunday was just as exciting. Max Rupnow with the help of Gruppe and Perrott opened up the scoring with a beauty backhand goal late in the first. During the final shift of the period Casey made multiple great defensive plays and kept the puck from reaching Storm goaltender Carter Braun. Early in the second, Perrott passed the puck to Gruppe who from a near impossible angle lobed it up and over the Shelburne goaltender to make it 2-0. Using his great face-off skills Rupnow won a draw resulting in a scramble in front of the net where Gruppe jammed it in. With less than a minute left in the second Trotter tried to go high on the Wolves goaltender but a big save was made. First face-off of the third Trotter gets the puck to Scheffee who puts it on net and Neilson picked up the rebound to make it 4-0. An unfortunate communication mix up between Storm players resulted in the Wolves' lone goal. The Storm take the game 4-1. Throughout both games the Storm worked hard to kill multiple penalty minutes, played well both offensively and defensively and put many shots on net. Shelburne will travel to Minden on Saturday, Feb. 16 for a 12:30 game where the Storm can take the series.

By Jessica Tomlinson

Atom

After having a rare weekend off the Ridgewood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom rep team opened up its second round playoff series in Shelburne against the waiting Wolves. The first was off to a heated start and the Highland Storm Atoms kept the play moving away from their net resulting in a hard-fought first goal in the blue paint. The goal was scored by Josh Scheffee and assisted by Liam Harrison and Evan Jones. Once again Storm netminder Chase Winder stood on his head for the team stopping a barrage of shots throughout the game. A late third period goal by McLean Rowden assisted by Parker Simms and Josh Scheffee came as a welcome addition to the effort however it was not enough to match the Wolves scoring who managed to build a 4-2

lead which would be our final score to end this, the first game of the series. The Storm Atom rep team is back in action this upcoming Saturday at S.G. Nesbitt Arena at 2 p.m.

By Pasi Posti

Peewee A

On Feb. 8 JoAnne Sharpley's Source for

Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Oshawa to face the Durham Crusaders in Game 6. They dominated this game with a 5-0 win. Goals were scored by Addison St Cyr, Colby Coumbs and Austin Boylan. A huge shout out to Ethan Dobson for his second shutout of this series. The Peewee A's

won the first series and moved on to the quarter finals.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A had to travel to Shelburne to face the Shelburne

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MINOR HOCKEY

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Wolves in Game 1 of the quarter finals. The first period had a goal by Shelburne late in the period. However at the beginning of the second Addison St Cyr scores a beauty unassisted goal to tie the game. A minute after Copper Coles scored a goal, assisted by St Cyr and Mak Prentice. And to end the second period Cheyenne Degeer scored, assisted by Coles and St Cyr. Unfortunately the third period was all Shelburne. They scored two goals early in the period to tie the game. With four minutes left Prentice scored after a pass from St Cyr, to put Storm in the lead, but Shelburne answered shortly after to tie the game and put the game into overtime. Overtime lasted three minutes. The goal was scored by Austin Boylan after receiving a beautiful pass from Kadin Card. The final score was a 5-4 win for the Storm.

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A next game is on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in Minden at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

By Amber Card

Bantams

On Saturday, Feb. 9 the Peppermill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Bantams travelled to Shelburne to play Game 3 in their playdown series. The Storm hit the ice strong and fierce giving everything they could but the Wolves scored on a power play at the end of the first to take a 1-0 lead. In the second the Storm battled back with a goal by Dylan Keefer unassisted to tie it up but the Wolves came right back to regain a one goal lead less than a minute later. With both teams determined to win for different reasons the action was intense back and forth hockey.

Storm goalie Darian Maddock was outstanding in the pipes keeping his team within reach. As time wended down and the pressure was on the Storm bench called a timeout at 59 seconds left in the third. The boys regrouped and headed out for the final push. The Storm took control and pulled the goalie for the extra attacker. With Kyan Hall battling behind the net he managed to tap it out front to Nick Phippen who buries it in to tie the game with 22 seconds left. As the clock wound down the buzzer rang and we were headed for a 10 minute overtime. The Storm were giving everything they could to try to bring the series back to Haliburton for Game 4 but with six seconds left the Wolves scored and the Bantams season ended. Thanks for a great season Bantams you guys were great!

By Lisa Delisle

Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets continue with the second round of playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones. They headed to Stayner for Game 2, Saturday Feb. 9, and brought home a 2-0 shutout victory. It was a slow start for both teams, with scoreless first and second periods. The Storm team picked up the pace and went on the attack midway through the third. MacNaull's hard work and determination kept the puck in the Cyclones' end, he passed it to Walker and he snapped in the first goal. Seconds later, the Cyclones still stunned, Storm on the attack, Haedicke picked up a pass from Morissette and snapped it in. That ended the game and gave Sisson a well earned 2-0 shutout. Next day, they met with the Cyclones in Haliburton for Game 3, a do or die game for the Cyclones. This game was action packed from the start. Both

teams working aggressively hard. Cyclones got lucky with a screen-shot late in the first. Shortly after, the Cyclones got a breakaway and made it 2-0. The second period was filled with penalty minutes. Late in the second the Storm took advantage of a power play, Walker passed it over the Smith and he top cornered the first Storm goal. That ended the second period 2-1. The Storm came out strong in the third period, dominating the game. Walker worked hard to hold the line and made a pass to Gilbert, he snapped it in to tie the game 2-2. The end to end action continued, however it was the Cyclones that scored next. The Storm team did their best but folded 3-2. That puts the series at 2-1 for the Storm Midgets.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Novice 2 LL

The Dewayen Simms Construction LL Novice 2 travelled to Huntsville on Sunday, Feb. 10 to battle the Huntsville Davicor.

The Storm started off slow and were down 2-0 at the end of the first.

They kicked things up in the second and had many chances but just couldn't sneak one past the Davicor goalie. Davicor was able to sneak another in halfway through the second making the score 3-0. But with a minute and a half left, Mason Latanville put Storm on the scoreboard!

Forty seconds into the third Davicor snuck another in making the score 4-1. Latanville answered back with not one but two more goals, earning himself another hat trick this season! The Storm wasn't done there. With lots of back and forth action the Storm was able to tie the game up, as McCartney Saunders buried one. Next up was Layla Degeer as she landed the game winner into the net! Final score 5-4 Storm.

The LL Novice 2 is back in action on Saturday Feb. 16 as they travel to Bracebridge to take on the South Muskoka Envotek at 9 a.m.

By Stephanie Harrison

Peewee 1 LL

The Walkers Home Hardware Peewee Storm LL took on the South Muskoka on Sunday in Minden. The Bears opened the scoring at the six minute mark. Storm's Alex Hendry evened the scoring assisted by Weston Bowker at the two minute mark. The Bears came ahead by one before the end of the first period. Bears scored again one minute into the second but Storm took charge and tied game with two unassisted goals by Hendry and #19 Wyatt Raposo. Bears scored again in third at the three minute mark and Storm sealed the win with Hendry scoring a hattie assisted by #10 Emery Bagshaw and Bowker scoring with 20 seconds left assisted by Nathan Harrison and Mikayla Sisson. Storm took the win 5-4! Walkers Peewee #1 team travels to Burk's Falls Saturday, Feb. 16 to play the Amalguin Ice Devils

By Marita Bagshaw

Tykes

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Highland Storm Tyke took on the Huntsville Otters this past weekend. These teams battled back and forth for throughout the entire game. Nixon Ecclestone led his team to victory with a final score of 7-6! The Tykes will participate in the Bernie Nichols Round Robin this weekend in Haliburton come out and cheer them on!

By Marita Bagshaw

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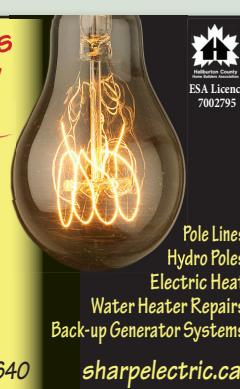
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Novice LL

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Brightwoods Landscaping Highland Storm Novice LL team took on Dewayne Simms Construction Highland Storm Novice LL team. Brightwoods started out slow and quickly found themselves down 2-0. The first goal came from Cole Morrison assisted by Lyla Degeer and Mason Latanville. The second was scored by Latanville assisted by Caleb Graves.

Brightwoods Brody Hartwig answered back late in the first period assisted by Zach Prentice and Hawksley Dobbins. The second and third period saw end to end action with great defence on both sides. Hartwig went on to score four more unassisted goals for Brightwoods. Maccartney Saunders added one more to Simms Construction in the third with assists going to Degeer and Colten Simms but it wasn't enough and the Final Score ended 5-3 for Brightwoods.

On Sunday Feb. 10, Brightwoods Landscaping Highland Storm Novice LL team played their last game of the regular season against Near North Huntsville. Late in the first period Storm opened the scoring with Benton Lloyd getting his first goal of the season assisted by Brody Hartwig and Vincenzo Condro. Midway through the second, Hartwig landed his first with his awesome stick handling skills.

Third period Hunter Hamilton rushed the puck end to end to go five hole and find the back of the net.

Hartwig finished the third with two more goals to complete his hat trick. Assists going to Matthew Fairey, Hawksley Dobbins,

Oakley Craftchick, Lloyd and Hamilton. Final score 5-0. Coaching staff are extremely pleased with the hard work and effort each and every player showed this weekend winning back to back games ending their regular season with a 9-6-1 record.

By Cheryl Smith

Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atoms hosted the South Muskoka Middaugh Masonry Atoms, at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden. In an exciting first period that saw chances traded at both ends of the rink, it was South Muskoka that struck first in the final minute of the first.

Although South Muskoka would win the opening faceoff to start the second, Isaac Borgdorff quickly stripped the puck drove the net and buried the puck tying it at one, just eight seconds in. That goal seemed to ignite the Storm as they began to swarm the South Muskoka net. All the hard work paid off late in the second, Taylor Mulock pounced on a rebound to make it 2-1, assist to Eric Mueller. Then with just over a minute left in the period Jacob Davis got Brody Hartwig the puck who made no mistakes as he raced up the rink making it 3-1 to end the second.

In the third it was Hartwig's relentless pursuit of the puck that led to a South Muskoka turnover, and Hartwig broke away making it 4-1 Storm.

Jacob Mantle had another solid game blocking shots, patrolling the blue line and his ability to find the open man set Hartwig up for his third of the game. Jacob Davis earned himself the hard hat, rebounding after having the wind knocked out of him. Minutes later he would return to the ice, back-check retrieve

the puck, earning an assist late in the second. Excellent effort. Final 5-1. Next up the Storm has Family Day weekend off before closing out the regular season on Feb. 23 in Minden against South Muskoka Wes Finch.

By Jamie Lloyd

Atom 2 LL

With our final game upon us the LL Atom #2 TD Canada Trust where hosted in Huntsville against the Huntsville McDonald's this past weekend.

Our Storm players knew they had to keep their heads up and play hard. As our defence were skating hard to keep the puck in Huntsville's end however, they opened up the scoring. During the second period Brian Robichaud and Zach Lowe put on a good display of scrambling and awesome goaltending but Huntsville were able to add another goal. With tons of shots being robbed by either Huntsville's goaltender or the posts the TD Canada Trust refused to give up which resulted in Logan Burke passing a beauty shot up to an open Kamauhl Cassey-Russel to score our first and only goal.

It was a great season for the Atoms TD Canada Trust. The Atoms will finish up their year in a few weekends when they attend the year end tournament in South Muskoka.

By Chris McMartin

Midget LL

Last Thursday the Pharmasave LL Midget Highland Storm played rivals Highland Storm Total Site Services for their third meeting of the season. Sam Hoenow opened the scoring for Pharmasave on a lovely two on one using teammate Brenden Newhook as a decoy. Total Site Services tied the game early in the second when a player was left wide

open in front of Nate Misco who had no chance stopping the puck. Total Services took the lead for the first time stealing the puck in the neutral zone and scoring on a pretty bar down wrist shot. Paul Turner tied the game near the end of the period after some strong forechecking by Pharmasave. Jake Sisson gave Pharmasave the lead once and for all early in the third period. Brody Prentice with his first of the season and another by Brenden Newhook sent Pharmasave off to a solid 5-3 win and remaining unbeaten against the Total Services team.

By Gord Hoenow

Peewee LL

On Saturday morning the Highland Storm LL Canadian Tire Peewee Team faced off against Parry Sound Gibson H&C in Gravenhurst. The Storm players were battling it out all game but Parry Sound had the upper hand. Carson Simms did everything he could to stop the shots on goal but Parry Sound came strong. The Highland Storm Canadian Tire Peewees lost with a score of 5-1. On Sunday afternoon the Highland Storm Canadian Tire Peewees travelled to Huntsville to face off against the Huntsville Bears Main Street Dental Team. This game was a back and forth goal scoring game. Highland Storm had two goals scored by Jamie Crowe and Faysal Wiso but the Huntsville Bears came back and won the game 3-2. This was a great game with strong team effort from all players. The Highland Storm LL Canadian Tire Peewee Team plays their next game on Feb. 23 in Gravenhurst at 12:30 p.m. against the Parry Sound Harry No Frills team.

By Shawn Guild

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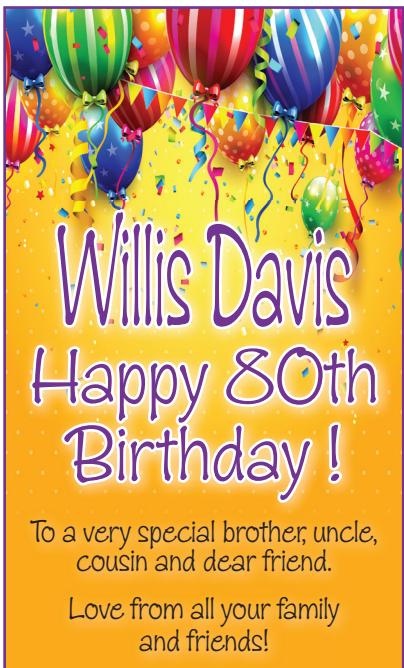
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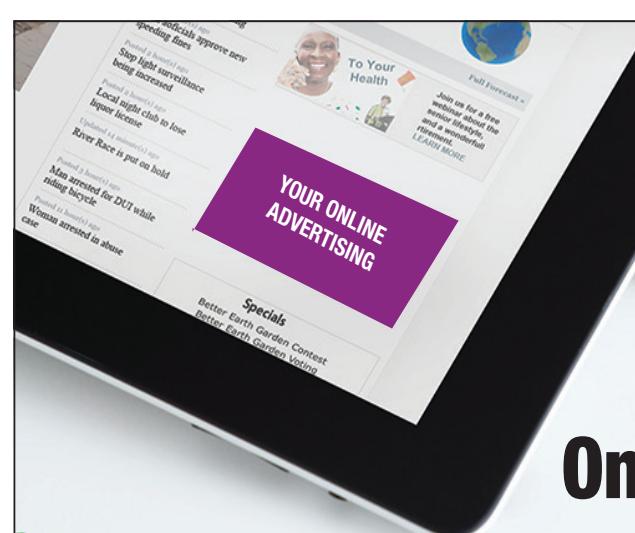
When: Friday, February 15th from 3pm to 8pm

Where: In the GYM at the school

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Hirstwood, Donna Jean (nee Barger)



Passed away peacefully at the Georgian Bay General Hospital on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the age of 69 years.

Beloved wife of the late George Hirstwood (2017). Dear mother of Jeannie Robitaille (Joe) and Shelley Hirstwood (Doug Wark). Loving grandmother of Faith, Lydia and Edwin. Cherished daughter of Evelyn Barger and the late Bill. She will be sadly missed by her sister Diane Bilton (Brian), brother Jim Barger (Cheryl), nieces, nephews and extended family.

A service and celebration of Donna's life was held at the Midland Alliance Church on Wednesday, February 13th. If desired, memorial donations to the Parkinson's Foundation or Midland Alliance Church would be appreciated. Messages of condolence will be received at leclaircremationcentre.ca



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In Loving Memory of **Cornelis Johannes (Joe) Van Dinther**

February 27, 1938 – February 3, 2019

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce Joe's passing peacefully at Hyland Crest on Sunday, February 3, 2019. In his 81st year.

He will be dearly missed by his sister Willie and her husband Jerry MacDonald. Joe is predeceased by his parents Antonius and Cornelia, his brother Nick (Mia), his sister Tonnie (Bill) Vonk and his baby sister Willy (who passed away in 1944). Joe will be fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, their families and his friends, but especially by cousin Greta (Ed) Drennan, whose visits always left Joe with a smile on his face. We are truly grateful to our niece Laura Watts Booth for spending time with Joe. Joe leaves behind his son Brian, his daughter Susan (Mauro) Vercesi, grandsons Michael (Stacey), and Ryan Vercesi, his great-grandchildren Vincenzo and Alexia Vercesi. We would like to sincerely thank the staff at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden, for their excellent care and kindness. You helped to make Joe's stay at Hyland Crest as comfortable as possible. As per Joe's wishes, cremation has taken place and his ashes will be scattered.

Donations in Joe's Memory to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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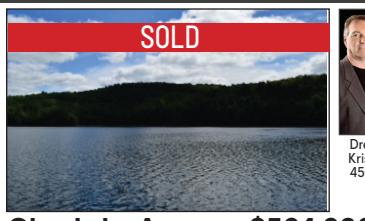
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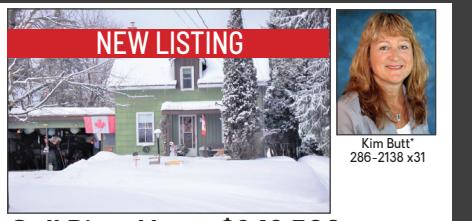
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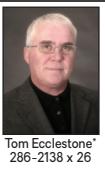
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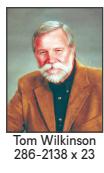
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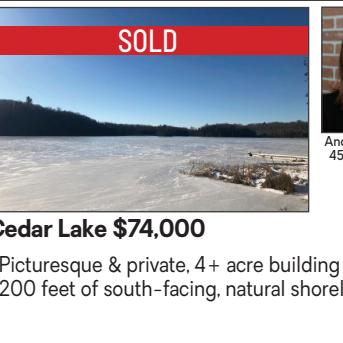
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